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# Land Grant Application- Hanscom, John (Litchfield)

John Hanscom

Catherine Hanscom

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Catherine Hanson <sup>110</sup>  
widow of J<sup>r</sup>. Hanson.  
Res. March 24, 1836.

Filed June 24, 1836.

See Rejected claim No. 170.  
Res. March 17, 1835.

Admitted, I certify  
No. 83. J<sup>r</sup>. June 25, 1836.

Rec'd certificate  
J<sup>r</sup> Morton

J<sup>r</sup> Morton

I *Leatharine Hainscom* of *Litchfield* in the County of *Kennebec* and State of Maine, aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, do, upon oath, declare in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 24, 1836, entitled a "Resolve additional to a Resolve, passed March seventeenth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, entitled 'Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers,'" that I am the widow of

*John Hainscom* late of *Litchfield* in the County of *Kennebec* and state of Maine, who died at *Litchfield* on the *twenty seventh* day of *April* A. D. 1827 That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, *John Hainscom* did enlist as a

*private in the year 1781 for three years in Smith*  
*Camp & Jackson Regiment of the Regular line in the*  
*Army of the Revolution and on an honorable discharge*  
*in 1784 for which service he was upon the United*  
*States Pension list, Roll of the Maine Agency*

I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, *John Hainscom* was at the time of his said enlistment, an inhabitant of

*Litchfield in the then District of Maine*

and that I do know that he was at the time of his decease as aforesaid, an inhabitant of the said State of Maine, residing in *Litchfield* aforesaid, where he had resided for *many* years before his decease. That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that neither my said late husband, nor any one claiming under him did receive, (nor have I received since his decease,) a grant of land, or money in lieu thereof, either from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or the State of Maine, for his said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am therefore justly entitled to the full benefit of said Resolve.

*her*  
*Leatharine X Hainscom*  
*Mark*

STATE OF MAINE.

*Kennebec* ss.....Subscribed and sworn to this

BEFORE ME,

*18* day of *June* 1836

*Ramabus Springer* Justice of the Peace.

# Know all Men by these Presents, That I

*Catharine Hanson* of *Litchfield* in the County of *Hannover* and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby constitute and appoint *Geo. W. Norton* of *Augusta* my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 24, 1836, entitled a "Resolve additional to a Resolve, passed March seventeenth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, entitled 'Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers,' to the benefit of which Resolve I am entitled. And my said Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate, for me and in my name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgment therefor, as I might, were I personally present.

HEREBY ratifying and confirming whatever my Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, Witness my hand and seal this *18<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* A. D. 1836

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED  
IN PRESENCE OF

*Barnabas Springer*

*her*  
*Catharine X Hanson*  
*mark*

## STATE OF MAINE.

*Hannover* ss.  
Be it Known, that on this

*18<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* 1836,  
before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared *Catharine Hanson* above named, and acknowledged the foregoing power of Attorney by her signed, to be her free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name the day and year last above mentioned.

*Barnabas Springer* Justice of the Peace.



STATE OF MAINE.

**Kennebec County, ss.**

Be it Known, That on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1835, satisfactory evidence has been adduced to me, that Catharine Hanson of Litchfield was the Wife and is the Widow of John Hanson late of said Litchfield deceased.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this Twenty Seventh day of May A. D. 1835.

*A. B. Fuller*

Judge of Probate, Kennebec County.

Catharine Hanscom<sup>179</sup>  
(widow of John Hanscom)  
application for land.

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Recd. May 19, 1835,

Evidence of further service required,  
Rejected by consent of  
G. W. Mott

See claim N. 110. Res.  
March 24, 1836,

R. C. Rose.

**KNOW ALL MEN** That I, *Jatharine Hanson* named in the foregoing Power and Affidavit, do hereby constitute, appoint and make ROBERT C. VOSE, of AUGUSTA, in the County of Kennebec, my Attorney irrevocable, for me and in my name and stead to bargain for, sell, dispose of and transfer to any person, and upon such terms as he may think best, the Certificate which he may obtain for me of the Land Agent, and of my right and interest in and to the Land to which I shall be entitled in virtue thereof and of the Resolve aforesaid. And in case my said Attorney shall not sell or transfer such certificate before the Land shall be surveyed and laid out into lots as provided in said Resolve, and ready for selection and conveyance, I further hereby authorize and empower my said Attorney to represent me before the Land Agent, and for me and in my stead to select and make choice of the lot of Land to which I am entitled, and to receive from the Land Agent a Deed and Conveyance thereof to me in fee, and after having obtained such Deed and Conveyance, I hereby further authorize and empower my said Attorney to sell and dispose of such lot of Land on such terms and conditions as he may think proper, and for me and in my name and stead to make, execute and deliver a Deed and Conveyance thereof to the purchaser, as fully as I could do if present. Hereby ratifying and confirming whatever my said Attorney may do for me in the premises,

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this *fourteenth* day of *May* A. D. 183 *7*

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED  
IN PRESENCE OF

*Barnabas Sprung*  
*Andrew Springer*

*Catharine J. Hammonds*  
*Cross*

**STATE OF MAINE.**

KENNEBEC ss.

The aforesaid *Jatharine Hanson* appeared and acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney to be *her* free act and deed.

BEFORE ME,

*Barnabas Sprung* Justice of the Peace.

I *Catharine Hanson* of *Litchfield* in the County of *Kennebec* and State of Maine, aged *Eighty Six* years, do, upon oath declare, in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a "Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers," that I am the widow of *John Hanson* late of *Litchfield* in the County of *Kennebec* and State of Maine, who died at *Litchfield* on the *twenty seventh* day of *April* A. D. *1828*

That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, *John Hanson* did enlist *as a private for three years in the year 1781 into Capt Smiths Company 8th Mass Jackson Regt of Mass<sup>ts</sup> line in the Army of the Revolution & was discharged in April 1784 at West Point having rec<sup>d</sup> an honourable discharge & was upon the U. States pension roll of the Maine Agency. I have heard my late husband say he did sit or nine months service prior to the above service*  
I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, *John Hanson* was at the time of his said enlistment, an inhabitant of *the County of York in the then District of Maine* and that I do know that he was at the time of his decease as aforesaid, an inhabitant of the said State of Maine, residing in *Litchfield* aforesaid, where he had resided for *twenty two* years before his decease. That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that neither my said late husband, nor any one claiming under him did receive, (nor have I received since his decease,) a grant of Land, or money in lieu thereof, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for his said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am therefore justly entitled to the full benefit of said Resolve.

*Attest, Andrew Springer*

*Catharine H. Hanscom*  
*cross*

STATE OF MAINE.

*Kennebec* SS.....Subscribed and sworn to this *fifteenth* day of *May* 183*5*  
BEFORE ME,  
*Barnabas Springer* Justice of the Peace.

Know all Men by these Presents, That I,

*Catharine Hanson* of *Litchfield* in the County of *Kennebec* and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby constitute and appoint **ROBERT C. VOSE**, of **AUGUSTA**, in the County of **Kennebec**, my true and lawful Attorney, for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a "Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers," to the benefit of which Resolve I am entitled. And my said Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate, for me and in my name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgment therefor, as I might, were I personally present.

HEREBY ratifying and confirming whatever my said Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, Witness my hand and seal this *fifteenth* day of *May* A. D. 183*5*

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED  
IN PRESENCE OF

*Andrew Springer* *Catharine H. Hanscom*  
*cross*

STATE OF MAINE.

*Kennebec* SS.  
**Be it Known, that on this** *fifteenth* **day of** *May* **183***5*,  
before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared *Catharine Hanson*  
*Hanson* above named, and acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney by her signed, to be her free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name the day and year last above mentioned.

*Barnabas Springer* Justice of the Peace.



No - 3.

John Hanson of  
Sitchpita.

Private  
Col. Michael Jackson's  
Regt. Massachusetts Line

December 1781 to

April 1784

362 1/2

Ex D.M.C.

I certify that Benjamin L. Beall, who is employed by the  
Land Agent of the State of Maine, under a Resolu-  
tion of this State, approved by the Governor on the 17<sup>th</sup>  
of March, 1835, to obtain from the Pension Office cer-  
tain documents and records, has made as full and  
examination in the case of John Hanson as the Books  
and Papers of said Office will allow, according to  
the best of my judgment and belief. Dated at the  
Pension Office, War Department, the eighth day of  
September 1835.

J. L. Edwards  
Commissioner of Pensions

1.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I John Hanscom, a citizen of the United States, born in Hattery, Maine, but now of Sebokquet Maine, aged fifty four years, upon oath testify and declare that in December 1781 I enlisted as a private soldier, in the war of the revolution, against the common enemy, upon the Continental establishment, for the period of three years, in Capt Ebenezer Smith's Company, and Col. Michael Jackson's regiment of the Massachusetts line. I served until April 1784 when I took my final and honorable discharge from the army at West Point. My discharge I have lost and it is not now to my knowledge in existence. From my reduced circumstances I am in need of assistance from my Country for support. And I do hereby relinquish all my claims to every pension heretofore allowed me by the laws of the United States, if any; but I am not to my knowledge borne on any pension list whatever. I request that I may be placed upon the pension list for the District of Maine.

(Signed) John Hanscom.


Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Lincoln Tp. On the eleventh day of April A.D. 1815. John Hanscom above named, after being carefully examined, made oath to the truth of the foregoing declaration, by him submitted. Before me  
(Signed) Nathan Weston Jr. Chief Justice of Court Leon Place,  
Second Eastern Circuit.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I John Neal of Sebokquet in the District of Maine of lawful age, upon oath testify and declare, that I am well acquainted with John Hanscom above named. From his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of assistance from his Country for support. He sustains the character of a man of truth. I have understood in years past, that he served in the Continental army, and fully believe that he served as he has stated. (Signed) John Neal.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Kennebunk Tp. On the twenty first day of May A.D. 1815 John Neal Esq. - within named, after having been carefully examined, made oath to the truth of the within deposition by him submitted. Before me, (Signed) Nathan Weston Jr. Chief Justice C. Court. Leon Place, Second Eastern Circuit.

2.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To the Honorable the Secretary of the  
Department of War of the United States. I the undersigned  
being Chief Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the  
Second Eastern Circuit of Massachusetts, embracing the counties  
of Lincoln, Hampshire and Somerset, do hereby Certify to your  
Honor that John Hanson, a citizen of the United States, now  
resident in Sheffield, in the said County of Lincoln, in the  
District of Maine, on the eleventh day of April. A.D. 1818, made  
application to me to receive his declaration under oath, and  
such other evidence, as was in his power to produce; and to  
transmit the same, and the proceedings had thereon, to your Honor;  
that he might be placed on the pension list of the United States,  
agreeably to the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to provide  
for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service  
of the United States in the revolutionary war," passed March  
16. A.D. 1816, whose declaration, and the other evidence  
produced by the said applicant, is herewith annexed.  
And I do further Certify to your Honor, that after a full examination  
of the said applicant, and a careful examination of the evidence  
in the case, it appears to me that the said applicant did  
serve as a private Soldier in the war of the revolution until  
the end thereof, against the Common enemy, upon the Con-  
tinental establishment, and for more than nine months, as  
stated in his declaration aforesaid; and that from his re-  
duced circumstances, he needs the assistance of his Country  
for support. In testimony whereof, I have herewith set  
my hand, and caused the seal of the Court in which I  
preside, to be herewith affixed, this twenty first day of  
May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-  
dred and eighteen. (Signed) Nathan Weston Junr  
C. Just. C. C. C. Pleas. 2<sup>d</sup> Eastern Circuit

 I John Row of Shelton in the County of Lincoln  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, testify and say, that I served  
in the Revolutionary army as an Ensign in Capt Ebenezer Smiths



Company in the eighth Massachusetts regiment commanded by Col. Michael Jackson & that John Hanscomb now of Salsfield in the County of Lincoln appears up to my certain knowledge as a private soldier in said regiment in said service more than two years in one period of said war & that I have no doubt but that said Hanscomb served more than two years & one half at one period of said war I have no doubt but that he had a good right to an Honorable discharge from said Service & that I am well persuaded that he obtained such a discharge & further saith not.

(Signed) J. Rowe Esq.

Lincoln March 24<sup>th</sup> 1819. Thus the above name of John Rowe personally appeared and made solemn oath that the deposition by him subscribed is true in all its parts, before me.

(Signed) Ezekiel Thompson Justice of the Peace & of the Qu. B.

Ezekiel Thompson Esq. is a Justice of the Peace for the County of Lincoln; and in my opinion the above deposition is a credible witness -

(Signed) Nathan Weston jun. C. Just. C.C. Mass.

I hereby certify that the name of John Hanscomb appears on a muster roll of Captain Thomas Hunt's Company Col. Michael Jackson's regiment, Massachusetts line, for the months of August and September 1783. deposited in the Pension Office War Department, and it also appears from a Register of final Settlements Certificates, issued by John Pierce Esq. Paymaster General and Com. of Army accounts, for the United States, also deposited in said Office, that John Hanscomb received a Certificate dated March 1. 1784. for \$8<sup>74</sup>/<sub>100</sub> due the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, 1783, also another Certificate of the same date, for \$68<sup>74</sup>/<sub>100</sub> due 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1783. - - - - -

And I do further certify that the accompanying pages numbered from one to three inclusive, are truly copied from the originals as file in said Office.

Jay L. Seale  
Washington City  
Sept 8. 1835.

I John Hanscomb of Duxton in the County of York & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aged sixty seven years in (May) next, do declare, that I enlisted in the Army of the United States on the Continental establishment, about the last of August 1775. under Capt. Bliss in Col. John Patterson's Regiment in the Massachusetts line, to serve to the first day of January A.D. 1776, which time I served in said Company and Regiment, and was discharged in Cambridge; but never had any regular discharge. On the first day of January aforesaid I enlisted again, under Capt. Bliss of 2<sup>d</sup> Regiment, for the term of one year, which term I served & was discharged in Morristown on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January A.D. 1777. regularly, my discharge I had from Genl. Patterson; but lost it some time. As we could not then get our pay, General Sullivan wished us to continue six weeks longer & we should have ten dollars bounty & regular pay. I continued with my regiment during six weeks & was in the Battles of Shrewsbury, Morristown & burnt Broke. Sometime in February of the same year I enlisted again, under Capt. Bliss in Col. Shurboorn's Regiment for one year, & was drafted out in the month of March following in Capt. Daniel Lanes Company & was marched to Mohawks; on our Company's return to Albany myself with seventeen others, were drafted into Genl. Gates' life guards, where I continued four or five months & rejoined my regiment in Newtown Pennsylvania where I remained till my time was out & was discharged I think in January<sup>A.D.</sup> 1778, but had no written discharge. I have no friends, & from my reduced circumstances in life, I stand in need of assistance from my Country for support. I am a native Citizen of the United States. (Signed) John Hanscomb.

April 13. 1818-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Be it known that on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April. A.D. 1818 before me the Subscribed one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, personally appeared the above named

John Hamscomb being duly sworn, made oath to the truth of the foregoing declaration by him, in my presence, subscribed, in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war; which declaration being signed & sworn to as aforesaid, I George Thacher one of the Justices &c. do certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the S<sup>r</sup> John Hamscomb did serve in the Revolutionary war, in the Continental establishment, against the common enemy, as stated in his declaration, & that he is in redemptive circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support; And I now transmit the proceedings & testimony had before me to the Secretary of the Department of War, pursuant to the direction in the act of Congress aforesaid. In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand, & have caused the seal of said Court to be hereunto affixed this twenty fifth day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & eighteen.

(Signed) George Thacher.

I Ebenezer Reddick of Exeter aforesaid aged sixty three years, do testify and say, that I enlisted in the American Army on the Continental establishment on the first of January A.D. 1776 under Capt Whiting in Col<sup>l</sup> John Gratiot's Regiment, for one year which time I served & during all said time & before I was well acquainted with John Hamscomb & well know that the man who made the declaration on the other page is the same man that I knew to be in Colonel Patterson's Regiment, Massachusetts line, during the year A.D. 1776 (signed) Ebenezer Reddick  
York Co June 6. 1818. Then personally appeared the above named Ebenezer Reddick & made oath to the truth of the foregoing declaration & testimony by him signed before

before me. (signed) Saml P. S. Thacher Jus. Peace  
I Joshua Warren of Hollis in the County of York aforesaid aged sixty years, do testify & declare that I enlisted into the American Army on the Continental establishment in July 1775 under Capt Ship in Colonel Patterson's Regiment Massachusetts line & served & was stationed at Cambridge. I enlisted again on the first day of January 1776 in the same Company & Regiment for one year & was stationed a short time at Boston, New York, Albany, Monmouth and was discharged at Trenton on the first day of January 1777. I further testify, that John Hamscomb who subscribed the declaration on the first page, joined the Army at Cambridge in August or September 1775 & was turned into the same Company & Regiment with me & served till the first of January 1776 & then enlisted again into the same Company & Regiment above stated for one year, which time S<sup>r</sup> Hamscomb served & on the first of January 1777 S<sup>r</sup> Hamscomb enlisted again for six weeks & I came home. I was perfectly acquainted with S<sup>r</sup> Hamscomb during S<sup>r</sup> time as I was frequently in the same Camp with him & have known him from the time I went into the Army with him to this time.

(signed) Joshua Warren.

York Co. February 11. 1819. Then personally appeared the above named Joshua Warren & being duly sworn made oath to the truth of the foregoing declaration and testimony by him subscribed before me.

(signed) Saml P. S. Thacher Jus. Peace

I hereby certify that the foregoing pages numbered from one to three inclusive are truly copies from the originals on file in the Pension Office, War Department.

Wm L Beale

8 Sept 1835-

Washington City



I Certify that Benjamin L. Hall, who is employed by the  
 Land Agent of the State of Maine, under a Resolution  
 of the Legislature of that State, approved by the  
 Governor on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1835, to obtain from the  
 Pension Office certain documents and records, has  
 made as full and complete examination in the case of John  
 Hammons as the Books and Papers of said  
 Office will allow, according to the best of my judg-  
 ment and belief. Dated at the Pension Office the  
 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 1835.

J. L. Edwards  
 Commissioner of Pensions.

No 37  
 John Hammons  
 of Boston. 170 R.  
 private. 170  
 1. Substantiated  
 Col. Patterson's Regiment  
 Massachusetts Line —  
 from 31 Aug<sup>r</sup> 1775 to 1 Aug<sup>r</sup> 1776  
 2. Substantiated  
 Colonel Patterson's Regt  
 from 1 January 1776 to 1 Aug<sup>r</sup>  
 1777 —  
 3. Substantiated  
 from 1 Aug<sup>r</sup> 1777 to 6 weeks  
 Colonel Patterson's Regt  
 4. Substantiated  
 Col. Williams's Regiment  
 Maine State Line  
 Aug<sup>r</sup> 1777  
 Aug<sup>r</sup> 1778  
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